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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006 (the "Office Action"), in which a three (3) month shortened period for reply is September 14, 2006, please consider the following remarks in this request for reconsideration: